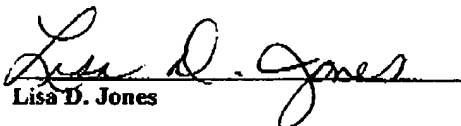


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006, issued in connection with the above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

There are no amendments to the Specification.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in a **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 6 of this paper.